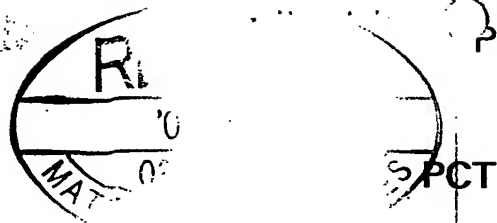


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1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

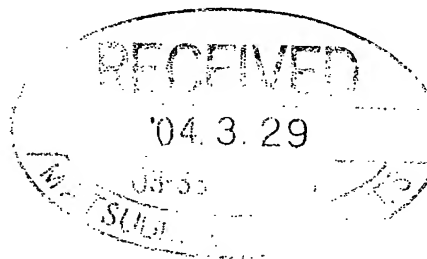
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None

3. Since the election(s) was (were) made after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the applicant is reminded that he must enter the national phase **before the expiration of 20 months from the priority date** before the Office(s) concerned. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 22).

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